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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 16497.138.2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
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	D. Bruce Modesitt et al.)
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Serial No.:	10/729,541) Art Unit
) 3731
Filed:	12/5/2003)
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Conf. No.:	1905)
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For:	ARTICULATING SUTURING DEVICE AND)
	METHOD)
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Examiner:	Julian W. Woo)
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Customer No.:	057360)

TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "B"
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME

VIA eFILE RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A. Enclosed

X RCE Form PTO SB30

X An Amendment "B" and Response for entry in the present application.

X To render this RCE and Amendment timely filed, enclosed is the following:

X Petition for a One (1)-Month Extension of Time. (\$120.00)

X Information Disclosure Statement

X IDS Form 1449

C. Payments

X E-filer with RAM will be used for submission of payment in the amount of \$2,090.00 to cover the following fees:

X the \$810.00 RCE filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e); and

X the \$120.00 petition fee for the 1-month extension of time.

X the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement submission fee.

X the \$980.00 fee for additional claims.

The claim fees have been calculated as follows:

			SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE
TOTAL 44	MINUS 37	= 7	-	-	\$50.00	\$350.00
INDEPENDENT 9	MINUS 6	= 3	-	-	\$210.00	\$630.00
1 st PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ _____		+ _____	
			TOTAL		TOTAL	\$980.00

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.

X Any additional fee required.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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